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The Cleveland Museum of Art offers workshops in preparation for 19th Parade the Circle

*Workshops to assist Parade participants in creating puppets, floats
and stilt-dancing begin May 2*

CLEVELAND (April 10, 2008) — In preparation for The Cleveland Museum of Art's (CMA) annual Parade the Circle on June 14th, CMA will host a series of community workshops to prepare interested individuals and groups in their creation of puppets, floats and visual performances.

Parade the Circle begins at noon on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from the Cleveland Museum of Art and proceeds in a counter-clockwise circle along Wade Oval Drive and East Boulevard. The theme of this year's parade is *Skipping the Muse – Running the Fiddle*.

Parade the Circle features a dazzling procession of entries and musical ensembles by international, national and regional artists as well as area schools, community groups, families, and individual. Parade focuses on artistic expression and creativity, featuring handmade masks, costumes, giant puppets and floats enlivened by dancers, stilt dancers and musicians. The entries do not include written words, logos, motorized vehicles or live animals, and may not propagandize political or religious view points.

Basic Workshops

Basic Workshops feature artists who will assist participants in making masks, costumes and giant puppets using papier-mâché, cloth and recycled materials. Basic Workshops are open to all ages (children under 15 must register and attend with someone older).

Workshop participants purchase a pass which allows them to attend as many basic workshop sessions as they wish. Workshop passes are available for \$50 per individual or \$150 for families up to four persons (\$25 per additional family member) and include Parade entry fee. Group rates and scholarship assistance are available.

Basic Parade Workshops will be held on Fridays, May 2 through June 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, May 3 through June 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, May 4 through June 8, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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Special Workshops

CMA also offers Special Workshops for batik and stilt dancing. An introductory stilt weekend is offered for free. Batik workshops and stilt dance training require registration.

The Batik Workshop will teach participants the art of color dyeing through a technique called batik. Attendants of the Batik Workshops will have the opportunity to create their own colorful costumes or banners for the Parade. The workshop will be conducted on Saturdays, May 10 through June 7, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$20 with workshop pass. Fabric is available at cost.

At the Stilt Weekend on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday May 18 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Canadian stilt walkers Brad Harley and Rick Simon will offer an opportunity to try walking on stilts. The event is free and open to the public. Workshop pass holders will be given priority and children must be at least 10-years-old. Pass holders without stilts may order them only during the stilt weekend for \$50. Participants may keep stilts after safety training.

Special Stilt-dancing Workshops will be held for those who wish to stilt during the Parade.. Novice workshops will take place on Saturdays from May 24 through June 7 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Advanced workshops are on Sundays, May 25 – June 8 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn stilt safety, tying and the art of dancing on stilts. Stilt dancing is free to workshop pass holders.

Register for all workshops or the parade during any workshop. For more information on the workshops or participating in the parade, contact the CMA Community Arts Department at 216-707-2483 or E-mail your inquiry to neisenberg@clevelandart.org.

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